

Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the United Nations and other international organizations

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UPR 2 Cycle, Review of Cyprus

Statement by Montenegro

Montenegro warmly welcomes distinguished (head of delegation) and the Delegation of Cyprus. Let me thank you for the comprehensive presentation of the national report and the progress made since the first UPR cycle.

Montenegro would specifically like to commend the significant progress made by the Government of Cyprus in enhancing its human rights legislation, institutions and monitoring mechanisms thereby providing a stable normative and institutional framework for exercising, protecting and promoting human rights and freedoms. In that regard we note with satisfaction a number of new laws and laws' amendments that have been enacted or are in the process of being amended in the field of refugee protection, gender equality, torture, child rights and fight against discrimination.

We welcome the Government's determination to continue its coordinated efforts to ensure full compliance with all international human rights treaties to which it is a party.

We noted that the CRC urged Cyprus to ratify the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, while the CEDAW recommended that Cyprus set a timeframe for the ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence. We would like to ask the Government of Cyprus on its intention or planned activities in order to fulfill these recommendations?

Thank you.